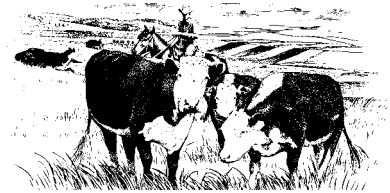


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CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on September 1, 2002, 1 percent above last month and 4 percent above September 2001. During August, placements of 60.0 thousand head were up 20 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head remained the same as August 2001. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.13 million head on September 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below September 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.22 million, 1 percent above 2001, but 9 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.18 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 525 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 483 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 625 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 585 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 43.0 thousand during August, 20 percent below 2001 and 12 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.85 million on September 1, 2002, down 6 percent from the previous year and 1 percent below September 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.94 million, 2 percent above 2001, but 7 percent below 2000. Marketings during August totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during August was 35.0 thousand head, 24 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed August 1 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	297	285	96	32	30	34	29
California	475	485	102	50	60	52	52
Colorado	1,060	990	93	210	245	255	230
Iowa	325	320	98	39	56	53	65
Kansas	2,420	2,140	88	570	570	490	470
Nebraska	1,810	1,790	99	435	445	420	380
Texas	3,000	2,740	91	570	530	560	580
Seven-State Total	9,387	8,750	93	1,906	1,936	1,864	1,806
State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1			2002/2001	
	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	1,000 Head						Percent
Arizona	2	1	293	285	97		
California	3	3	470	490	104		
Colorado	5	5	1,010	1,000	99		
Iowa	1	2	310	310	100		
Kansas	10	10	2,490	2,230	90		
Nebraska	5	5	1,820	1,850	102		
Texas	20	10	2,990	2,680	90		
Seven-State Total	46	36	9,383	8,845	94		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during August 2002 totaled 117.4 million pounds (dressed weight), the same as last month, but 16 percent above August 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,269 pounds; calves 118 pounds; and hogs 226 pounds.

RECORD HIGHS FOR BEEF AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in August 2001.

August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.
August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 1,259 pounds, up 31 pounds from August a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.7 million pounds, 3 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 96.0 thousand head, up 2 percent from August 2001. The average live weight was 288 pounds, down 15 pounds from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 2 percent above August 2001. The average live weight was 259 pounds, up 1 pound from August a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from August 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 264.6 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 11 pounds from August a year ago.

January - August red meat production was 31.1 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	96.3	115.4	121,494	146,403	1,262	1,269
U.S.	3,239.4	3,213.3	3,976,718	4,045,025	1,228	1,259
CALVES						
California	9.6	11.2	1,527	1,322	159	118
U.S.	94.2	96.0	28,511	27,667	303	288
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	273.4	264.6	37,477	33,351	137	126
HOGS						
California	204.9	213.1	45,509	48,105	222	226
U.S.	8,374.7	8,544.2	2,159,367	2,211,934	258	259
RED MEAT						
	Aug. 2001	July 2002	Aug. 2002	Aug. 02 Aug. 01	Aug. 02 July 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	101.2	117.1	117.4	116	100	
U.S.	4,060.5	4,016.0	4,139.9	102	103	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2002 1/

Standard Federal Regions <u>2/</u>	Cattle							Calves Total <u>3/</u>
	Total <u>3/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
1	11.1	2.0	1.1	6.7	6.5	0.2	1.3	16.6
2	49.7	11.6	3.2	31.3	25.7	5.6	3.6	184.9
3	704.7	340.8	66.8	277.0	203.7	73.3	20.1	119.6
4	546.2	8.5	2.2	452.4	167.1	285.3	83.2	14.3
5	2,473.6	1,063.0	339.9	997.6	651.2	346.4	73.1	224.4
6	4,349.4	2,265.0	1,509.0	490.8	76.7	414.1	84.5	8.1
7	10,765.0	5,969.2	4,201.5	538.4	14.7	523.8	55.9	0.4
8	2,331.0	1,120.0	1,061.9	128.6	29.5	99.1	20.6	0.1
9	1,233.9	623.1	72.4	515.0	419.1	95.9	23.4	76.6
10	1,103.3	544.4	300.3	218.1	87.3	130.8	40.6	5.3
U.S. <u>3/</u>	23,568.1	11,947.7	7,558.2	3,656.0	1,681.4	1,974.6	406.2	650.3
Standard Federal Regions <u>2/</u>	Hogs				Sheep			Lambs & Yearlings
	Total <u>3/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>3/</u>	Mature Sheep		
							1,000 Head	
1	14.0	13.8	0.2	0.1	15.5	3.2	12.3	
2	89.4	87.6	1.5	0.3	91.8	11.4	80.4	
3	4,369.9	4,356.8	12.9	0.1	71.7	5.0	66.8	
4	10,047.4	9,442.0	592.5	12.9	16.8	7.6	9.2	
5	17,051.2	16,206.6	824.2	20.4	280.5	27.8	252.7	
6	3,249.4	3,075.3	172.7	1.4	210.0	18.2	191.8	
7	24,612.3	24,084.1	377.8	150.4	313.8	0.7	313.2	
8	2,944.1	2,816.9	127.1	----	768.4	14.4	754.0	
9	1,543.9	1,542.5	0.7	0.7	250.6	4.8	245.8	
10	252.0	250.0	1.8	0.2	13.0	2.2	10.8	
U.S. <u>3/</u>	64,173.4	61,875.5	2,111.3	186.6	2,032.2	95.3	1,936.9	

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

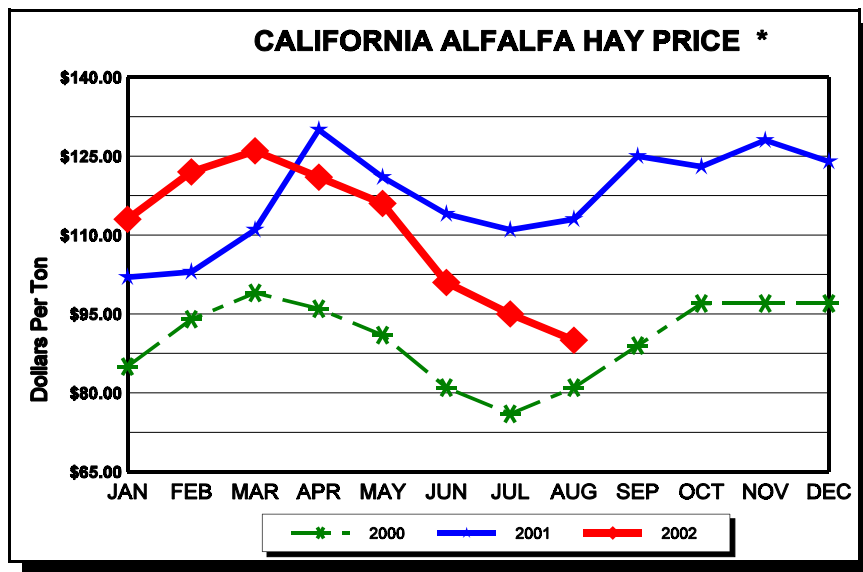
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2001	July 2002	August 15, 2002	August 2001	July 2002	August 15, 2002
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	110.00	92.00	88.00	97.40	93.60	93.70
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	113.00	95.00	90.00	105.00	102.00	101.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	50.80	39.20	34.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	36.50	34.50	43.10	37.40	36.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	72.00	65.00	64.50	73.50	66.60	66.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	94.00	77.50	77.50	106.00	94.90	94.70
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	31.50	26.00	---	32.20	27.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	60.00	75.00	---	54.80	75.70	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,800.00	---	---	1,670.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.67	10.20	10.50	16.50	11.20	11.20

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



California Cash Income by Commodity Groups, 1999-01

Source of Income	1999	2000	2001
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	12,730	13,738	14,385
Cattle and Calves	1,223,123	1,218,220	1,351,500
Chickens, All	515,268	471,081	532,452
Eggs	263,690	237,561	235,843
Hogs	29,054	35,563	27,863
Honey	16,665	18,172	18,509
Milk and Cream	4,090,952	3,707,255	4,630,171
Sheep and Lambs	56,601	58,156	52,974
Turkeys	192,938	210,816	211,815
Wool	1,271	1,160	1,313
Other Livestock/Poultry	266,791	280,346	269,614
TOTAL	6,669,083	6,252,068	7,346,439

Source of Income	1999	2000	2001
	\$1,000		
VEGETABLE CROPS	6,146,495	6,539,271	6,126,401
FIELD CROPS	2,473,831	2,388,147	2,432,158
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	6,654,756	7,284,771	7,135,811
NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE PROD.	2,761,016	3,178,523	3,085,906
CHRISTMAS TREES	11,034	10,669	10,600
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	24,716,215	25,653,449	26,137,315
FARM RELATED INCOME	1,927,976	1,719,073	1,432,149
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING 1/	26,644,191	27,372,522	27,569,464

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service